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A Businessman to Head CIA

The President has selected JOHN A. McCONE of California to succeed ALLEN W. DULLES as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. McCONE differs sharply from Mr. DULLES, in background, experience and personality.

Mr. DULLES, now ending his eighth year as head of the CIA, was educated as a lawyer and had been in diplomatic service since 1918.

Mr. McCONE is by education an engineer, an industrialist and businessman. His first job after graduation from college was as a riveter in a structural steel plant. He is essentially an organizer and administrator.

As a shipbuilder during World War II he supervised construction of 467 vessels. He has been building and operating tankers during the past decade.

He is a "modern" Republican, a leading Catholic layman and has represented the United States at Vatican functions.

But he has also served gov-

ernment in many advisory capacities. He was a member of the Air Policy Commission under President TRUMAN, and in 1954 was appointed by President EISENHOWER to succeed ADMIRAL LEWIS L. STRAUSS as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. He resigned after Mr. KENNEDY took office.

Previously he had assisted NAVY SECRETARY FORRESTAL in preparing defense budgets; and in 1951 had recommended a full-fledged missile program. Had his recommendations been carried out at that time, the United States would not have lagged so far behind Russian armament efforts.

In 1958 he represented this country in the formulation of a European atomic energy program (Euratom).

His friends call him "a man with a slide rule mind who never forgets that he is dealing with human beings."

If that description is apt, the might turn out to be "just what the doctor ordered" for the CIA.